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Steve Stavro surrounded by cashier trainees.




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FRESH TURBOT FILLETS
3.99 lb 8.80 KG.
FRESH TILEFISH STEAKS
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LIVE ROCK CRAB
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Artist John Richmond stands proudly beside the quarter-mile-long mural he has painted for the Knob Hill Food Terminal opening this fall on Weston Rd. at Highway 401. The mural depicts a history of food and is part of Knob Hill's effort to establish a new image with art, landscaping and cleaner, bigger stores.






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ERIN RASPBERRY AND STRAWBERRY **JAMS** WITH PECTIN 48-OZ. FAMILY SIZE — CASE OF 6 - 9.99 **1.79** EA.

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HEINZ TOMATO OR VEGETABLE **SOUPS** 10 OZ. MIX OR MATCH — CASE OF 48 - 6.99 **15¢** EA.

AYLMER TOMATO **CATSUP** FAMILY SIZE 32 OZ. JUG — CASE OF 12 - 8.99 **79¢** EA.

KRAFT 4 LB. JAR **PEANUT BUTTER** — CASE OF 6 - 13.49 **2.29** EA.

128 OZ. BOTTLE SCHWARTZ PURE **WHITE VINEGAR** — CASE OF 6 - $3.99 **69¢** EA.

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STEVE A. STAVRO
PRESIDENT



To: Knob Hill Farms Employees, Suppliers and Customers

Thank You!

As many of you have heard, I have decided to close all of the Knob Hill Farms grocery outlets by September 30th this year.

This is a very difficult personal and business decision. Since our first store opened 47 years ago as a small fruit stand at the corner of Queen and Coxwell in the City of Toronto, Knob Hill Farms has been a large part of my life. It is the foundation of everything for my family.

But times have changed. After careful consideration and a review of the strategic alternatives for Knob Hill Farms, I have decided, regretfully, this is the right time to close the doors at our grocery outlets.

On behalf of our whole family, Sally and I want to thank all of our employees, suppliers and the thousands of faithful customers for their support over these many years.

And, finally, as I end this chapter of my life, I would also like to thank a wonderful country that made it possible for an immigrant kid from the east end of Toronto to realize his dreams.

Sincerely,

Steve

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Stavro leaves the Farms behind

Grocery chain shut as magnate moves on

SEAN FINE
The Globe and Mail

The grocer who built a sports empire is no longer a grocer. Steve Stavro is closing his 10 Knob Hill Farms outlets in the Toronto area, putting 800 people out of work.

Instead, he is planning to develop the prime properties with a major business partner, Woodbridge Co. Ltd., the holding company of Toronto's Thomson family, owner of The Globe and Mail.

A onetime immigrant Macedonian boy who helped out in his father's small produce store, Mr. Stavro built a chain of food terminals the size of football fields — one the size of four football fields — and a sports conglomerate.

"Our company has achieved a great deal since it began 47 years ago as a small fruit stand at the corner of Queen and Coxwell in the City of Toronto," the 72-year-old said in a note to staff announcing the Sept. 30 closing. But "times have changed."

Indeed they have. The stores were losing money — a public-relations consultant retained by Mr. Stavro made no secret of that yesterday — as they fell behind more up-to-date competitors such as Loblaw Cos. Ltd.

Please see **STAVRO** *on page* **A22**



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Weston south of 401 - Knob Hill Farm last days



Over the Hill

Knob Hill Farms is closing all 10 of its stores across southern Ontario.

TORONTO:

1. 222 Cherry St.
2. 449 Carlaw Ave.
3. 222 Lansdowne Ave.
4. 2549 Weston Rd.
5. 10 Ashtonbee Rd.

THE OTHERS:

6. Dixie Value Mall, Mississauga
7. 35 Pinebush Rd., Cambridge
8. Markham at Hwy. 7
9. Hwy. 2, Pickering
10. 500 Howard St., Oshawa





STEVE STAVRO

SEPTEMBER 27, 1926 – APRIL 23, 2006

Steve Stavro, pioneer of the box store concept in the food industry as founder of Knob Hill Farms, former owner of the Toronto Maple Leafs and Toronto Raptors, and engineer of the merger of the two franchises into Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment, first CEO of the Air Canada Centre, and member of the Order of Canada, passed away 10 years ago today at his home in Toronto.

A passionate representative of the city's immigrant community, Steve launched his first open-air fruit market in the east end in 1950. Driven by creativity and a spirit of innovation, he opened his first food terminal in 1962 and paved the way for big box superstores everywhere. Knob Hill Farms grew to be Canada's largest independent food retailer and Steve was awarded the industry's highest honour, The Golden Pencil, in 1980.

With his extensive business experience, Steve held positions on the Boards of many organizations, including the LCBO, the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair, The Ontario Jockey Club and Woodbine Sports and Entertainment, and served on the Economic Council of Canada.

Steve was also a key figure in Toronto sports history as well as a passionate fan. He assumed ownership of the Leafs in 1990 and, in his time as owner, created Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment – MLSE – which dominates Canadian sports to this day. Steve also oversaw the purchase of the Raptors in 1996 and moved them to the Air Canada Centre, owning and managing the combined franchise until 2003.

Steve was the first, along with his partners, to bring pro soccer to Toronto, launching the Toronto City Soccer Club to play in the new Eastern Canada Professional Soccer League in 1961. For this and his many other contributions to soccer in Canada, Steve was inducted in 2005 into the Canadian Soccer Hall of Fame as a Builder.

Steve's Knob Hill Stables bred and trained thoroughbred horses, producing 85 stakes winners that raced throughout North America and Europe. In 1992, Steve became one of the few Canadians awarded the Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association award for the top owner horse breeder in North America. In 2006, he was inducted into the Canadian Horse Racing Hall of Fame.

Beyond all these accomplishments, Steve was a humanitarian. He contributed to all Toronto hospitals – particularly Toronto East General Hospital – and many charities. His generosity – to organizations and individuals – was legendary. In 1992, his benevolent spirit was recognized by the Beth Shalom Brotherhood Humanitarian Award. Steve's charitable work continues to this day through the foundation he established with his wife, Sally.

Above all, Steve Stavro was the patriarch of a family that is profoundly proud of his achievements and his contributions to the City of Toronto. His boundless energy, deep love of family and friends and his appreciation for nature's beauty and a hard day's work are qualities that will live on in our memories and those of the many who knew him.

Steve, Dad, Dedo - you are dearly missed
and will be remembered always and with great love.

Your wife, Sally; your brother, Chris; and your daughters, Connie, Elaine, Deborah, and Stephanie; your son-in-law, Bill; your nine grandchildren and their spouses; and nine great-grandchildren.

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Times and Guide

WESTON'S OWN WEEKLY PAPER

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NO SHOPPING CENTER

North York Opens New Main Library

The North York Public Library Board officially opened its new main library building, valued at $708,000 on Monday night. The design and features of the building make it probably the most unusual and radical public library building in the Metro area, if not in the Province, according to the officials.

The building was named after Gladys Allison, a Willowdae resident who has worked for more than 20 years to bring library services to North York. She has done considerable comunity service work despite a serious crippling effect from arthritis.

Mrs. Allison was the instigator of the first library facilities in North York, then continued efforts until they developed into the sixth largest book circulation in Ontario.

In 1950, 441 borrowers showed a book circulation of 5,792 and a budget of $2,155 operated the existing facilities.

Today, the budget has soared to $500,000 with a book circulation of more than one million and more than 42,000 readers.

The number of books available has increased from 2,470 in 1950 to 118,000 in 1959.

Chairman of the Board is Richard J. Stanbury, who has held that position since the inception of the board in 1955.

Fruehauf Plant Site Of Large Storage Depot

The Fruehauf Trailer plant, located at the northern boundary of Weston, has been purchased by United Co-Operatives of Ontario for $750,000. A company spokesman told The Times and Guide Monday that the building has been purchased for use as a warehousing and supply depot, ending unofficial rumors here that the old plant would be levelled to make way for a plaza-type shopping center.

United Co-Operatives took over the building which has been vacant on Weston's Main Street North for more than nine months.

The deal was finalized recently, though the company had been giving consideration to it for about two years.

Fruehauf Trailers moved from Weston to a new plant in Toronto Township on land purchased there nearly three years ago.

According to Gordon Spry, business administrator for United Co-Operatives, the general business of the Co-Op members has been increasing at between 15 and 20 per cent annually since the new company was formed in 1948.

The Co-Operative movement was originally started by farmers in various centers of Ontario getting together to move their products through one central outlet. The name given to the movement was the United Farmers Co-Operatives in 1914.

"There are now 160 local Co-Ops throughout Ontario," Mr. Spry said. "They enjoy the services which we can supply but the increase in business annually has forced us to expand our facilities so that we can meet the demand.

"One of the most important features of United Co-Op is the supplying of more and better service to these local members, and in order to provide the service, we needed a place where we could dispatch goods quickly and economically," he stated.

"We purchased the Fruehauf Trailer property and it will become part of the Head Office," Mr. Spry continued. "Our existing facilities were inadequate so we had to make the move."

The deal was handled jointly by S. E. Lyons and Son Limited and Gibson Brothers of Toronto in a co-operative effort. The Lyons firm also handled the Fruehauf Trailer movement from Weston to Toronto Township.

"Save The Elms" Keep On Fighting

Etobicoke's "Save The Elms" Committee continues to fight its battle to prevent the Elms Golf Course from slipping into the hands of developers who wish to make it a housing project.

At a recent meeting, the group unanimously passed the following resolutions: to seek to have the optimal open space requirements for a developing community definitely established, on the basis of authentic studies readily available; to seek to stop the continuing disappearance of properly zoned greenbelt areas, and to use 'The Elms' as a 'Hold-The-Line' or test case at all municipal and judicial levels.

The members intend to vigorously work to attain these objectives and have pledged their financial support and seek the pledges of others.

At the meeting were representatives of various citizens and ratepayers organizations.

An invitation was extended to the 'Save The Elms' Committee, some of whose members are accredited delegates to the Etobicoke Civic Advisory Committee, to appear before the Civic Advisory Committee at its meeting held last night in the Library of Etobicoke Collegiate.

Hold Regular School Dance

The Westeens, a young peoples' organization sponsored by the Weston Kiwanis Club, holds dances regularly in the Weston High school to raise money for various community projects. Tony Grist is in charge of the affairs.

A recent report on the group's work revealed that the Westeens have given $800 to such projects

Traffic Puzzle

Words Is Asked

March 1982

Earlier this week, the attorney-general's ministry and the labor ministry began investigations into

probe medical, environmental or other factors that he feels may be pertinent to the investigation, Grossman said.

Residents fear store will cause traffic chaos

Traffic studies done by North York on the effect of a supermarket proposed for Weston Rd. are inadequate, the chairman of a residents' committee says.

Len Cardoza, head of a committee formed by the Pelmo Park Community Association, told a public meeting last night that more than 800 vehicles an hour would be travelling in and out of the proposed Knob Hill Farms supermarket parking lot, just south of Highway 401, at peak periods.

Despite reassurances from North York Mayor Mel Lastman and Alderman Mario Gentile, many of the 200 at the Pelmo Park Public School meeting left unconvinced that traffic won't be snarled if the $15-million project goes ahead.

Traffic won't impede residential streets, Lastman said. "If there are problems we'll work them out. We don't think there will be."

The proposal calls for Weston Rd. to be widened to accommodate extra traffic.

The supermarket plan, passed by North York last June, still must go before the Ontario Municipal Board to have the zoning of the 35-acre site changed from industrial to commercial.

The site is on the boundary of North York and York borough, and the proposal has also made York politicians unhappy. The borough plans to take part in the OMB hearing next month.

"The North York traffic report is suspect," York Alderman John Nunziata said. The extra traffic will cause problems in York, he said.

However, Gentile said, "People are opposing this plan because they're misinformed. The supermarket will create more jobs and revenue."

Etobicoke will rent rather than sell closed schools

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"We've had total satisfaction with the system at our two Ottawa stores," said Garry Potter, manager of Dominion's management services.

'Monster' food store opposed

By Kathleen Kenna

A "great, big monster" of a supermarket near the Weston Rd.-Highway 401 intersection in North York will disturb a quiet neighborhood with heavy traffic, the Pelmo Park Community Association says.

Despite a 700-name residents petition favoring the new Knob Hill Farms terminal, the association insists traffic studies made last year before council approved the project are insufficient.

York is also expected to oppose the project at the OMB next month, along with Weston business and ratepayers groups.

Doctor faces fraud trial

A Scarborough doctor charged with attempting to obstruct justice has been remanded on the charge until Oct. 18.

Dr. Diamondali Charania, of Silversands Pl., West Hill, was charged after false billings were

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Times and Guide - February 14 1946

Fruehauf Will Open Canada's Largest Trailer Plant Here

Fruehauf Trailer Company of Canada Limited recently purchased the huge Massey-Harris plant at Weston and will convert it into Canada's largest Truck-Trailer plant, where approximately 300 will be employed when the plant is in full operation.

The main building, used during the war to build wings for the giant mosquito bombers, contains 58,000 square feet of floor space all on one level while two smaller buildings contain twelve and thirteen thousand square feet respectively. The group stands on a seven-acre site on the north of Weston Road.

The plant of modern steel construction is ideally suited to the building of Truck-Trailers and is necessitated by the tremendous growth of motor transport and particularly by the trailer method of hauling. "It is indeed a tribute to the company's faith in the future of Canada", states Bruce Douglas, Fruehauf's Canadian Manager, "for the new plant will not replace our present facilities but will augment them. Our former plant at Sterling Road, Toronto, will be turned into a service branch to cope with this rapidly growing part of our business. Here will be located a retail sales office as well as complete chassis, body and repaint service."

Head office and manufacturing have already been moved to the new plant at Weston which will be devoted particularly to the quantity production of standard model Fruehauf Truck-Trailers for which the company is experiencing an unprecedented demand both in the way of new equipment and to replace that operated long above normal mileage during the war period. It is also planned to manufacture many of the parts which were formerly imported.

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Bride Ships Echo Across 250 Years Of Canadian History

Concurrent with reports that liners are being made available to bring soldiers' wives to Canada, the term "bride ships" has been appearing in the headlines. And here, in two words, is a definition that echoes across 250 years of Canadian history.

This is not the first time "bride ships" have sailed to the New World from European ports. Back in the 17th century, when the little colony at Quebec was slowly emerging from the woods, ships set out from France bearing hundreds of girls who were to become wives of settlers. "King's girls" they were called, and today Quebec genealogists would have no difficulty tracing the kinship of tens of thousands with them.—Windsor Daily Star.

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An Old Custom

Children had to stand at the table while eating, according to a dining custom of colonial times. In some families, they had to take their place behind their parents and food was passed back to them.

ANOTHER BIG PLANT FOR WESTON

Thirty-two acres and the plant of the Toronto Structural Steel Works has changed hands. The Massey Harris firm of Toronto are the buyers and will locate here before the beginning of the new year. In fact they are taking the plant over on the first of the month. They state that they will use this factory for the manufacture of gasoline engines and tractors. At present it is estimated that some 200 men will be required to carry on this industry in its initial stages. Every one knows the great possibilities that lie before the firm that will place upon the market a real successful tractor. There will be unlimited demand for them. The day is coming when every farm will have a gasoline engine. Thus this is a feather in the cap of Weston to secure this fine establishment. It also points out the other, the wisdom of their locating in this town. There is no other point around Toronto that is so well situated as our own little town. We have railway connections and transportation facilities that cannot be duplicated. All that we require is a little more development to bring them up to their efficiency.

The Times and Guide
November 27, 1918

Make a note of this. The Weston public library will hold the story hour for the older children on Saturday afternoon, December 7th, at the hour of two o'clock. It is not the inten-


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Assembly line of Mosquito fighter-bomber wings at Weston's Massey-Harris plant.



James Gilbert Gove, posing in his Massey-Harris security guard uniform, c. 1944

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Over 70 years later the Knob Hill Food Terminal would open on what started as the site of structural steel company.

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The average loss on the stocks dealt in to-day was 51 cents, making the loss from December 31, 1912, $17.15.

STRUCTURAL STEEL PLANT NEARLY READY

The plant of the Toronto Structural Steel Company at Weston will be nearly completed by the end of the year, and at the end of January it is hoped that they will commence turning out structural steel. The company has a contract to construct the new customs house at Ottawa, which with other small contracts will keep their plant busy for three months.

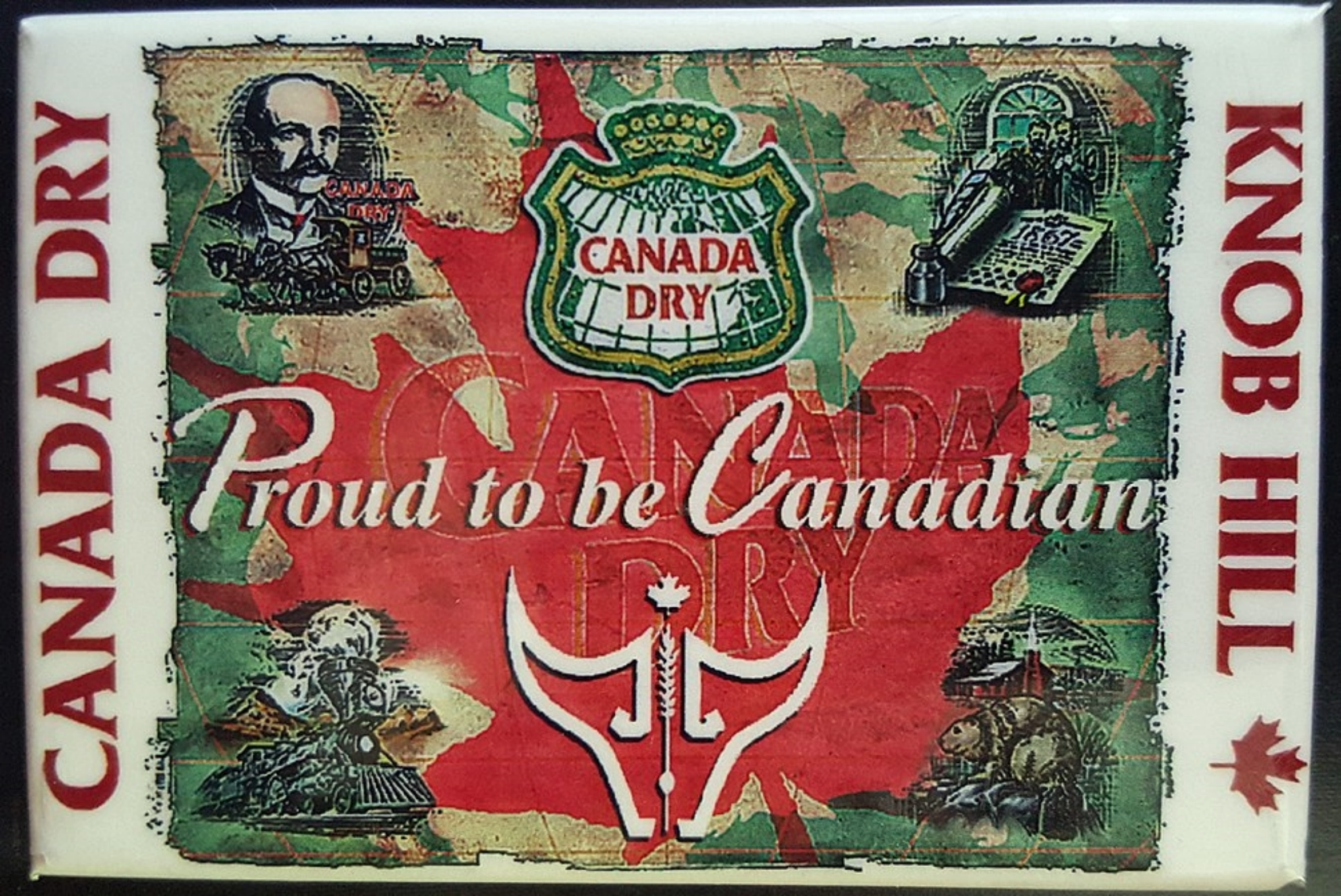
WOOL MARKET.

London, Dec. 9.—The wool auction sales closed to-day with offerings of 9,929 bales. The small miscellaneous offerings met with

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December 10, 1942

Canada's Governor General, the Earl of Athlone, visits Massey-Harris in Weston



June 21, 1943

Bernice Coulter soldering airplane parts, DeHavilland factory



January 31, 1943

Ernest Johnson installing instruments, De Havilland factory



Wing parts for the Mosquito were produced at what later would be Knob Hill Farms

Known as "the wooden wonder" and "the timber terror" due to its all-wood frame, the Mosquito was reputed to be one of the RAF's fastest machines in the Second World War. Over 1,000 were built in Canada at the de Havilland Canada production site in Toronto; 1,032 Canadian-built Mosquitos were flown during the war. Because of the glued-and-screwed wooden construction, early Mosquitoes were not suited to the tropics where exposure to high humidity and rain caused the airframe to warp and the glue to dissolve.




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Fruehauf Trailer manufactured trailers at the Knob Hill site, including the Streamliner for Labatt's.